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1. EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE. ON THE BASIS OF ROMANIAN ASSURANCES CONVEYED IN BUCHAREST 3018, BILL LUERS HAS SENT A MEMO TO AID ASKING THAT AID PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION WITH LESS THAN STANDARD INSPECTION RIGHTS (COPY BEING POUCHED). AID NOW HAS THIS UNDER REVIEW BUT WE EXPECT NO PROBLEMS AT THAT END. WE ALSO WANT TO GO AHEAD QUICKLY TO INFORM APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF HOW WE ARE PROCEEDING. IN THAT CONNECTION, THE REFERENCE IN BUCHAREST 3018 TO A QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL UNQUOTE AGREEMENT WITH THE GOR GIVES US SOME PAUSE. IS THIS MEANT TO IMPLY THAT THE ROMANIANS EXPECT US NOT TO DIVULGE THE DETAILS OF OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH THEM? FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THE MORE WE CAN TELL THE CONGRESS, THE BETTER. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HAS ASSURED AMBASSADOR
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AGGREY THAT U.S. EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES WOULD BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES INTENDED, AND THEN OUTLINE THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE UNDERSTANDING. IF ANY OF THESE POINTS GIVE YOU TROUBLE, PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY.

2. ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE VISIT. DAVID BRODY OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF B'NAI B'RITH'S ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE IS

ORGANIZING A VISIT TO ROMANIA FOR 32 DIRECTORS OF REGIONAL ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUES, DEPARTMENT HEADS FROM THE WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS, AND THEIR WIVES. (TOTAL INCLUDES ALL.) THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE FRIDAY, JUNE 30 AND DEPART MONDAY, JULY 3. BRODY HAS SUGGESTED A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR JULY 1 OR 2; HE COMMENTED THAT FORMER AMBASSADOR BARNES HAD HOSTED A RECEPTION DURING A PREVIOUS VISIT. IF RECEPTION IS POSSIBLE, HE COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS GHEORGHE OPREA, WHOM HE GOT TO KNOW DURING STATE DINNER HERE FOR PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, MIGHT COME IF INVITED, AND OF COURSE RABBI ROSEN. BEYOND THAT, HE LEAVES GUEST LIST UP TO EMBASSY. BRODY WILL MEET WITH AMBASSADOR NICOLAE WEEK OF MAY 15 TO DISCUSS PROGRAMMING FOR THE TRIP.

3. WE CONTINUE TO GET CALLS FROM CONG. WAXMAN'S OFFICE REGARDING MATTER RAISED PREVIOUSLY. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. EXPORT CONTROL. WE HAD HOPED THAT, THE VERY NONCOMMITTAL NATURE OF THE LETTER TO CEAUSESCU NOTWITHSTANDING, WE COULD TRANSLATE WHITE HOUSE INVOLVEMENT ON EXPORT CONTROL MATTERS INTO SOME TANGIBLE LIBERALIZATION OR EXPEDITING OF ROMANIAN LICENSING POLICY/PROCEDURES. WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF AN NSC MEMO TO STATE, DOD AND COMMERCE, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU EXPRESSED CONCERN
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WITH THE DELAY IN GRANTING APPROVAL FOR EXPORT LICENSES. THE PRESIDENT HAS WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU THAT HE IS ASKING THE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN EXPORT LICENSING TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS FOR ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ROMANIA. PLEASE TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO SEE THAT THIS IS IMPLEMENTED. END TEXT. I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN ANY MEANINGFUL CHANGE, AND THUS WE SHOULD AVOID ENCOURAGING ANY GOR EXPECTATIONS BASED ON THE LETTER. VANCE

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